



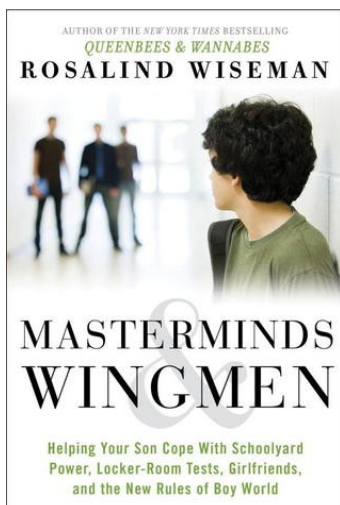
Boys commit suicide at five times the rate of girls. They do worse in school, have more social problems and learning disabilities, and are less likely to attend college. Yet Frequently their needs are ignored—often because many boys believe reaching out is a sign of weakness.

—Rosalind Wiseman, *The Guide*

Join us for a discussion on how we can help our sons get the tools they need to succeed. For those who care about the boys and want the insight to reach them.

The first 10 participants will receive a free copy of Rosalind Wiseman's newly released book :

“Masterminds and Wingmen.”



**The gathering will be
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
at 7:00 pm
at
Ellington Youth Services
at 31 Arbor Way, Ellington.**

Please contact Ellington Youth Services to reserve a spot at dpenti@ellington-ct.gov or call 860-870-3130.

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Rosalind Wiseman, the author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes* (she visited us in Ellington in 2009) has written 2 new books , *Masterminds and Wingmen* and *The Guide*, addressing the difficult challenges boys encounter:

- Do you constantly struggle to pull information from your son, student, or athlete, only to encounter mumbling or evasive assurances such as “it’s nothing” or “I’m good?”
- Do you sense that the boy you care about is being bullied, but that he’ll do anything to avoid your “help?”
- Have you repeatedly reminded him that schoolwork and chores come before video games only to spy him reaching for the controller as soon as you leave the room?
- Have you watched with frustration as your boy flounders with girls?